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NSC BRIEFING

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INDOCHINA TRUCE VIOLATIONS

I. Viet Minh in Laos clearly violated
Article 2 specifying 6 Aug cease-fire.

A. Laos Legation told press 16
Sept protest filed Intl Comm
over "violent" attacks on
Laotian forces 8, 9, 10 Sept.

B. Army attaché reports incidents,
probably same, as two in Phong
Saly province, one in Sam Neua
province.

These provinces Pathet Lao
concentration areas, where
Viet Minh considers Lao
troops "bandits" and wants
no Lao govt influence.

But Lao Geneva declaration
asserted royal govt's

continued adminⁿ ration there

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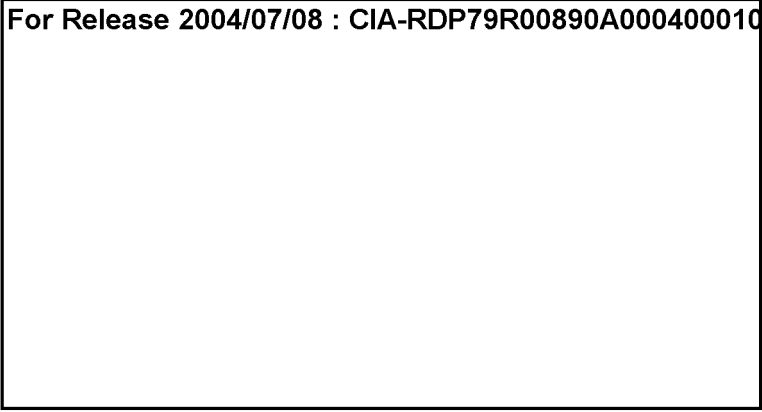
II. In Vietnam, series less publicized incidents reported by army attaché.

- A. 2 Aug, 300 guerrillas attacked post near Haiphong.
- B. 13 Aug, Vietnamese troops ambushed South Vietnam.
- C. 14 Aug, another ambush in south.
- D. 15 Aug, destruction railway guardpost near Nhatrang.
- E. 15-21 Aug, several attacks Central, South Vietnam.

III. Viet Minh also violated Article 17 Vietnam agreement banning reinforcing war materiel.

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- IV. Viet Minh violating Article 21 Vietnam agreement specifying POW repatriation.
- A. Has released 9,635 troops of 55,000 French say unaccounted for.
- V. For Cambodia, Article 5 specifies demob local dissidents by 23 Aug.
- A. Viet Minh still not complying.
- B. In fact, French say enemy issuing new arms these dissidents.
- VI. Communists, for their part, made counter-charge 21 Sept.

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A. Peiping radio said protest
made Joint Commission over
French massacre Central
Vietnam resulting 74
civilians killed, 56
wounded.

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